CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES December 13, 2012

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 13th day of December, 2012, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka

Elyzagi, Don Holyfield and Eddie Sims

ABSENT:

Member Don Allen, George Henderson, Jim

Wheatley and David Wilson

COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

Dana Cramer, IAFF (present) Joel Formby, FOP (present) Brandon Brooks, OU (absent)

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Humphrey, Police Chief

Captain Tom Easley

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department

James Fullingim, Fire Chief Jim Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rosenthal

Councilmember Gallagher Councilmember Lockett

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyfield.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2012, MEETING.

Member Duff moved that the agenda of the December 13, 2012, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Elyzagi;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee December 13, 2012, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the December 13, 2012, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

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YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, Don Holyfield and Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the agenda of the December 13, 2012, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2012.

Member Sims moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of November 8, 2012, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Elyzagi;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee November 8, 2012, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of November 8, 2012, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, Don Holyfield and Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of November 8, 2012, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the November financial reports. He noted the increase in expenditures from the Capital Improvement portion relates to expenses with the construction of Fire Station #9.

Member Allen asked if the employees hired with the temporary sales tax were considered temporary or full time employees.

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Mr. Francisco responded that they were full time employees and the decision to fund their positions if an extension of the current public safety sales tax was not approved would be a fiscal year decision.

Member Duff reminded the committee that they had discussions regarding holding back left over funds to fund these personnel for a year after the end of the sales tax period.

Mayor Rosenthal said that the current Council has indicated that they would begin working on a renewal of the public safety sales tax prior to the ending date giving enough time to hold at least one election (two if needed).

Member Formby reminded the committee that these were funded positions not personnel.

Mr. Francisco said that it would take approximately \$5M to fund 1 year's salary and benefits in 2016.

Chair Holyfield said that it was the charge of this committee to make recommendations regarding a comprehensive plan and then forward these recommendations to Council. He would like for the Police and Fire Chiefs to come up with a 3 to 5 year plan of what they would spend the balance of the sales tax funds raised. This committee should get the most use out of these dollars. They should consider what is essential for public safety. He sees the role of this committee to provide the best information available to make decisions. He would like to see us plan for today's needs and also plan for 3 to 5 years from now.

Member Sims said that the Cleveland County Fair Grounds building would work as a Recovery Center. Negotiations for the use of that building have not been completed. Chair Holyfield asked Chief Humphrey if the Smalley Center could be used as a Recovery Center. Chief Humphrey said that he did not think so, but would bring more information to the next meeting regarding that.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim reported that construction was still a little behind schedule for Fire Station No. 9, but the contractor felt he could still meet the deadline of spring of 2013 for a completion date.

The Fire Academy has lost 1 candidate.

Police Department Report

Captain Easley reported on COP efforts. He also discussed the Police Academy hiring update. He then discussed the Bullying Initiative. He also updated the committee on TEAM and the progress that has been made this school year.

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Item 5; being: UPDATES OF PRIORITIES BY FIRE CHIEF.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Item 6; being: ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held January 10, 2013

1. Updates on Priorities.

Item 8, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Chair Holyfield asked each of the Chiefs to bring their recommendations of priorities that surplus PSST funds could be used for. They would like to see current recommendations for next year's budget as well as yearly recommendations for the next 5 years.

The committee decided to begin the meetings at 3:30 p.m. starting with the January 10, 2013 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.